

# Crawley Borough Council

## Minutes of Licensing Committee 12 January 2016 at 7.30pm

### Present:

Councillor B J Quinn (Chair)

Councillor M L Ayling (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B J Burgess, K L Jaggard, M G Jones, C C Lloyd, L S Marshall-Ascough, K McCarthy, B MeCrow, C A Moffatt, R Sharma, J Stanley and K J Trussell

### Officers Present:

Kevin Carr	Legal Services Manager
Brian Cox	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Mike Lyons	Licensing Officer
Mez Matthews	Democratic Services Officer

### Apologies for Absence:

Councillor C J Mullins  
Tony Baldock (Environmental Health Manager)

### 16. Absence

The Committee was informed that Tony Baldock (Environmental Health Manager) had sent his apologies due to a recent family bereavement. The Committee wished for its condolences to be passed on to Tony.

### 17. Members' Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interests were made by Members.

### 18. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 November 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **19. Urgent Action**

In 2012, The Broadway and Broad Walk were re-designated from 'prohibited streets' to 'consent streets' to allow those areas to be used for street trading purposes in accordance with the Council's Street Trading Policy.

Subsequent developments had resulted in the market foot print being granted planning permission in November 2015, to allow the market to operate in the Broadway and also on Haslett Avenue West. Haslett Avenue West would therefore now also need to be deemed a consent street to enable street trading in that location.

On the 23 November 2015, a report sought permission under Urgent Action, as defined by the Council's Constitution from the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, to advertise for changing the proposed designation of a prohibited street to a consent street. 'Urgent Action' was sought to enable officers to expedite the required process as soon as possible so that Haslett Avenue West (as defined) be able to accommodate the market.

### **RESOLVED**

The Committee noted the urgent action which had been taken by the Chief Executive.

## **20. Re-Designation of Haslett Avenue West**

The Committee considered report PES/196 of the Head of Economic and Environmental Services which sought the Committee's approval to amend the current street trading controls in regard to changing the status of Haslett Avenue West (between the junctions of The Broadway and The Martlets) from a 'Prohibited Street' for the purposes of street trading to a 'Consent Street'. The Committee noted that 'consent' did not mean that street trading must be situated on those streets, but it allowed the Council to have control over street trading should it wish to allow it to take place. The re-designation would allow the Town Centre Manager to oversee the positioning of stalls as well as the location of types of stall.

The Committee was advised that the street had been designated 'prohibited' in 1991 when Haslett Avenue West was a main highway through Crawley and a market would have caused an obstruction. Significant changes had taken place since then and the street was now a pedestrianised area with vehicular access only permitted for buses and taxis.

The Licensing Officer confirmed that the consultation process had been carried out in accordance with legislation and Paragraph 6 of the Council's Street Trading Policy and that the issues detailed in Paragraph 5.4 of the same Policy had also been taken into account. The Committee was advised that locating market stalls along the paved area should not cause an obstruction to either the taxi rank or pedestrians. The Committee noted that no objections had been received, but the proprietor of The Taj had informally requested that no food stall be situated outside the shop and the Town Centre Manager would take that into account. The Committee was also advised that it could reconsider the matter at a later date should it be necessary to do so.

The Committee agreed that the re-designation would be good for traders and the town as a whole, and noted that footfall in the area would be increased which would benefit the local shops.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That with effect from the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and for the purpose of making a further provision for controlling street trading within the Borough of Crawley, the area known as Haslett Avenue West (between the junctions with The Broadway and The Martlets) currently designated as a 'prohibited Street' be designated as a 'Consent Street' for the purposes of street trading under the provisions Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, and be subject to the Council's existing street trading policy, fee structure and terms and conditions.
2. That publication of the above resolution to designate Haslett Avenue West (as stated) as a 'Consent Street' be approved, and that a 'public notice' of the resolution outlining the designation be advertised for two consecutive weeks in the local press (as detailed in Appendix A to report PES/196).

## **20. Closure of Meeting**

With the business of the Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

**B J QUINN**  
**Chair**